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SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Jen Plumb
Sen. Scott D. Sandall

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

1. 4th Sub. H.B. 104 Firearm Safety in Schools Amendments (Shipp, R.P.)

Rep. Rex Shipp presented the bill.

Clark Aposhian, Chairman, Utah Shorting Sports Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Neca Allgood, Board Member, Gun Violence Center of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Catherine Voutaz, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sinia Malie, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to pass 4th Substitute H.B. 104 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 4
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 1
Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

2. H.B. 128 Dangerous Weapon at a School Amendments (Gwynn, M.)

Rep. Matthew Gwynn presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to replace H.B. 128 with 1st Substitute H.B. 128. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 128 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 394 Statutory Intent Amendments (Teuscher, J.)

Rep. Jordan Tuescher presented the bill.

Michael Judd, Utah Media Coalition, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 394 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 4
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 2
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Thatcher

Absent - 1
Sen. J. Plumb

4. 4th Sub. H.B. 40 School Safety Amendments (Wilcox, R.)

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to replace 4th Substitute H.B. 40 with 5th Substitute H.B. 40. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1
Sen. J. Plumb

Sheri Mattle, Safety Commissioner, Utah PTA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Beau Mason, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Public Safety, spoke in favor of the bill

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 5th Substitute H.B. 40 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 1.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 2

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Plumb

5. S.B. 323 Asset and Investment Review Task Force (Stratton, K.)

Sen. Keven Stratton presented the bill with the assistance of Marlo Oaks, Utah State Treasurer.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to amend S.B. 323 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Amendment 2

1. Line 65 through 69:

65 (9)(a)The task force shall complete a study that:

66 (i)identifies public funds that are:

(A)held by a government entity;

(B)cash, cash equivalents, {and}or investments, as those terms are defined

67 under the standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards

68 Board{, held by government entities}; and

(C)subject to the provisions of Title 51, Chapter 7, State Money Management Act;

69 (ii)examines investment strategies for public funds described in Subsection (9)(a)(i).

2. Line 76 through 78:

76 (ii)The task force shall include, at minimum, all government entities holding a total

77 of \$1 million or more in cash and cash equivalents.

78 (10)In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, the state treasurer

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher

Howard Headlee, President, Utah Bankers Association spoke to the bill.

Rusty Cannon, Utah Credit Union Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass S.B. 323 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Plumb

6. H.B. 133 Dangerous Weapons Amendments (Lisonbee, K.)

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee presented the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to replace H.B. 133 with 1st Substitute H.B. 133. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch spoke in favor of the bill.

Neca Allgood, Board Member, Utah Gun Violent Center of Utah, spoke in to the bill.

Raelle Cunningham, Regional Director, Women for Gun Rights spoke in favor of the bill.

Catherine Voutaz, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Clark Aposhian, Utah Shooting Sports Council, spoke to the bill.

Neil Shultz, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sinia Maile, Juvenile Justice, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 133 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 4 - 1.

Yeas - 2

Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers

Absent - 1

Sen. S. Sandall

7. S.B. 315 Microenterprise Home Kitchen Amendments (*Vickers, E.*)

Sen. Vickers presented the bill.

Sara Patterson, Red Acre Farm, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chef Shon Foster, restaurant owner, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to pass S.B. 315 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. D. Thatcher

Sen. Vickers assumed the chair.

8. S.J.R. 12 Joint Resolution Calling for an Executive Order on Federalism (*Winterton, R.*)

Sen. Winterton presented the bill.

Diane Livingston, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Chair Winterton moved to pass S.J.R. 12 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 1

Sen. N. Blouin

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. D. Thatcher

MOTION: Sen. Blouin moved to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. D. Thatcher

Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m..